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THE SOUTH AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

While there is an urgent motivation in the political breasts of many Southerners to vote against both the Democratic and Republican nominees and electors, the argument that will probably win the South for the Democrats is strong and is being overlooked by some.

In brief, that argument is this: In the Democratic Party, the South commands a majority of the committees in both the House and Senate, even though the South represents only twenty per cent of the nation. Moreover, the South holds the Majority Leader's post in the Senate, and the Speakership in the House—when the Democrats are in power.

The crux of the issue is simply that bills on Civil Rights and many other issues in which the South is vitally interested, must pass through the Congress, and no issue is so important to the South as that of maintaining a dominant committee position in that body. For example, if a law is passed allowing any person with any sort of a Civil Rights complaint to take his case directly to a Federal court without recourse to a local or state court first, the stand of the South will be lost. But any such bill must first go through Congress, and we can think of no issue in the present campaign so important as that of the South staying in the Democratic party and thereby retaining its dominant position in the Congress.

Other than that, the South does not have power in either of the major parties. It has no weight whatsoever in the Republican Party. A victory for Eisenhower in November, would leave the South completely and hopelessly lost. The South has a bit more weight in the Democratic Party, for the reasons aforestated. And outside of the two major parties, any Southern splinter party would merely commit the crime of tossing away as pottage everything for which we have contanded. Were the South that blind, it would deserve to lose its contention for national power. The only practical, the only common sense course for the South is to concentrate on its remaining power in the Democratic Party, and to re-elect its Congressmen and Senators who have major seniority, and see to it that they are not ruled out of the national Democratic Party.

If Southern State Democratic Parties lose affiliation with the national Democratic Party, and set up a new regional party, then the South is hepelessly lost, the fight is over, and none of us will live to see the day when the South would have any power whatsoever. To our way of thinking, it is essential that the South keep its Committee Seniority in the Congress. And we cannot do that if we pull out of the national Democratic Party. Therein lies our only hope.

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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Church memberships in the United States have passed the 100,000,000 mark for the first time in history. The National Council of Churches recently reported that there are now 100,162,529 members of all faiths.

Compared with figures of a year ago, this represents an increase from 97,482,611.

The tabulation contained in the Council yearbook shows that the upsurge of church memberships, which began shortly after World War II, is continuing. This is proved by the fact that 60.9 per cent of all Americans now *belong* to some church. This is the highest percentage on record. In 1950, for example, it was fifty-seven per cent, and in 1900 it was thirty-six per cent. A hundred years ago, in an era which many people consider a religious era, less than twenty per cent of all Americans belonged to a church.

The report shows there are 58,448,000 Protestants in the country as of 1956; 33,396,000 Roman Catholics; 5,500,000 Jews, and 2,386,000 Eastern Orthodox church members. The rate of growth of the Roman Catholics, in a year, shows a percentage increase of 3.1 per cent. The Protestants did not register a similar percentage gain, showing a gain of only 2.3 per cent.

Since per capita contributions to churches averaged over $48 last year, it can be seen that the country is spending approximately $5,000,000,000 a year for religious purposes, and this does not include some forms of donations. It is an impressive testimonial to the religious convictions of the American people.

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AUTOMOTIVE MILESTONE

For the first time in a number of years, a foreign make automobile has outsold two standard American cars. This year the German Volkswagon has increased its sale in this country by 250 per cent. Moreover, it has sold more units than either Hudson or Packard.

The Volkswagon has not changed its styles in many years. It is very small and is less glamorized and less advertised than some European cars of similar design. The only reason we can advance for its sales record, is that there is a field in America for a lighter, less expensive car than is being currently offered by our major manufacturers. The major manufacturers offer wonderful cars, in every imaginable shape, style and luxury. But, for lots of people, it is just too much car.

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CHILDREN AND GUNS

It's true that "boys will be boys," but parents can very often avoid tragedy by using more care in teaching their children the danger of commonplace things.

Ever so ofter we read in the newspapers of children who try to start fires with gasoline, with resulting explosions and tragedy. These children were not taught the danger of such action.

It is not unusual to read or hear of youngsters who find firearms which belong to their fathers and probably, without understanding the nature of their act, kill somebody. We recently read of two little boys who got into an argument and one shot the other with a pistol. The killer was only six years old.

Who imagines for a minute that the tot understood the effect of his pistol-pointing and that he really had murder in his heart? Who, in reality, was responsible for this tragedy? Why, the parents who left a loaded gun where the child could find it, of course.

Parents in Appomattox, and everywhere else, should be very careful to keep pistols, rifles, and shotguns out of the reach of children. Certainly, none of these weapons should ever be kept loaded. Moreover, they should never fail to instruct their children about the danger of playing with such weapons.

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Letters from readers are invited on all subjects of public interest. Make them short as possible and always sign your name.

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The easiest way to finish a hard job is to get to work. After the start is made, the finish is near at hand.

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The test of a man is whether he can take friendly criticism and put it to good use.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons.

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Matthew 6:4—12, Romans 12:9-21; 11:15-19a.
Devotional Reading: Psalm 91:1—9.

Vision of Victory

Lesson for September 23, 1956

AFTER the battle, as Homer's poem tells it, the Greeks and Trojans who had been killed went right on fighting. Whoever won the flesh-and-blood war, the ghost-war went on and would go on forever. That was primitive Greek religion. But the same kind of notion is to be found in other religions. In the Zend-Avesta, sacred book of the ancient Persian religion, there is the picture of the good God Ahuri-Mazda and the evil God Ahriman, in perpetual never-ending war with each other. Strangely enough, this same idea floats around in people's heads who have been Christian long enough to know better. They pray, "Thy Kingdom come"; but nothing would surprise them more than if the Kingdom of God really came!

Dr. Foreman

Desperate Battle

The ancient Persians were not entirely wrong. Life is a battle, a desperate age-long war, between the good and evil. God, and the friends of God, do not run over all opposition. The cause of God has had defeats. As a modern writer puts it, "Victory has many wounds." There are those who cannot see this. All things are good, some wish us to believe. But it is truer to the facts to see that not all things are good, but there are persons and forces going all-out to destroy what is good. No matter how good a man is, no matter how good a cause is, if it prevails in this world there has to be a fight first. The book of Revelation in our Bible is a book of battles. Its pages are red with flame and blood. The white-robed saints in light have come through "great tribulation." The young Christian who finds the going rough, the veteran Christian who becomes discouraged over the defeat of some cause that surely ought to have won,—all need to read the Bible again. Victory for God and the right there will be; but not easily and probably not today.

Personal Victory

In all the wars of this world, some on the winning side have never struck a blow or got into the fight at all. The armed forces do the fighting, the stay-at-homes celebrate the victory when it comes. It is different in the world-wide, age-long struggle between God and all that is anti-God. If the Bible teaches anything plainly it is that no one will share the victory of God who has not taken part in the struggle on God's side. Many Christian hymns express this idea, such as "Am I a soldier of the cross?" and "The Son of God goes forth to war." First the war, then the victory. Now there are many religions that teach something like this. Valhalla, Paradise, Nirvana, heaven, whatever it is called—most religions look forward to a time and place where everyone is, so to speak, a veteran of a successful war. But what do they do with their victory? Here the Christian religion stands out alone. "His servants shall serve Him," the Bible says. So John Sutherland Bonnell says in his little book, "Heaven and Hell," (Abingdon Press, $1.00) "The rest which is promised us in heaven is not the rest of passivity or indolence. There will be constant opportunities for spiritual development and service."

Christ Will Reign

But the church is sure that the Christian can look forward to final victory only because he is fighting in the cause and army of Christ. It is his victory after all, not ours. If he lost, we would lose. There is a great future tense our faith in Christ. There is a past tense first: He has conquered death and evil, by the cross and resurrection he struck the forces of evil the fatal blow. But not the final one. For there is the present tense: In the lives of Christians, in his church, he wins victories today. But the future tense is equally important. Christian people have never been agreed on the details, but all Christians everywhere are one in affirming: CHRIST WILL REIGN! Not only in heaven but on earth. A Christianity that does not look forward to Christ's final triumph, complete and world-wide, is not only untrue to the Bible but is like that old Persian belief, courageous to be sure, but dismal,—that outlook on an eternal future just as uncertain and mixed with evil as is this present age. No,—the How and When are God's secret, but it is no secret that Christ will be Lord of all.

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Washington Notes

FOOD PRODUCTION

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization recently reported that world agricultural production rose by 3 per cent in 1955-56. This increase over the 1954-55 season will bring little or no relief to areas where hundreds of millions of the world's underfed live, because the main increases were registered in North America and in Oceania, both already plagued by surpluses.

FARM DEBT

Farm debt, including price support loans, was $18,800,000,000 on January 1, 1956 — a record total. Farm debt has increased every year since 1945. Gross farm income dropped 2 per cent in 1955 to $33,300,000,000. Net income, under the impact of 1 per cent rise in production costs, declined by more than $800,000,000, or about 5 per cent, to $15,900,000.

FEDERAL TAXES

The U. S. public paid more Federal taxes last year on whisky, gasoline and autos than in any previous fiscal year and the current year seems headed toward still another record because of a July 1 hike in gasoline and other highway - user taxes to finance the highway - building program. Excise taxes yielded the Government $10,004,195,000 in the 1956 fiscal year.

UNKNOWN SOLDIERS

It has been announced that two more unknown servicemen will be entombed beside the Unknown Soldier of World War I on Memorial Day, May 30, 1958. President Eisenhower recently signed a bill providing for burial of an unidentified member of the armed forces killed overseas during World War II and also during the Korean War in special crypts beside their World War I comrade in Arlington National Cemetery.

ANARTIC PROGRAM

The Navy has announced that its part in the coming year's phase of Operation Deep-Freeze in the Antarctic would entail the services of 12 ships, 38 aircraft and 3,525 men. The Navy will land men and equipment to build five scientic observation bases—one at the South Pole—for the 148 civilian scientists assigned to study the secrets of nature from the bottom of the world during the International Geophysical Year, 1957-58.

FARM PRICES

Prices received by farmers declined three per cent between mid-July and mid-August, following a 1 per cent from the previous month, which reversed an upward trend in the preceding six months, according to the Agriculture Department. The drop was attributed to sharp declines in prices received by farmers for potatoes and vegetables, coupled with moderate declines for cotton, fruit and poultry. The mid-August index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, interest, taxes and wages, rose another point to 288 per cent of the 1910-14 average.

FARM TAXES

Taxes levied in 1955 by state and local governments on farm real estate increased 6.8 per cent over those for 1954, according to the Agriculture Department. Levies for 1955 totaled about $927,000,000, compared to $868,000,000 for 1954 and were almost double those of 1945, when a sharp rise began.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

It is the nature of the man to be amendable to fair but not the sense of honor. —Johnson.

Honor and case are seldom fellows. —John Clarle.

If honor cannot restrain a virtue will not. —Baltasar Gracian.

Whoever would not die to serve his honor would be base. —Blaise Pascal.

To Photograph Hurricanes

During the East Coast hurricane season, Navy ships and aircraft will play an important part in a new experiment to photograph hurricanes by means of rocket-borne cameras and will be equipped with cameras and will be airborne to an altitude of about 100 miles, so that pictures taken will cover a radius of about 800 miles. Finally, a rocket nose cone containing cameras will be dissengaged from the rockets and parachuted to the ocean where they will be picked up by Navy ships.

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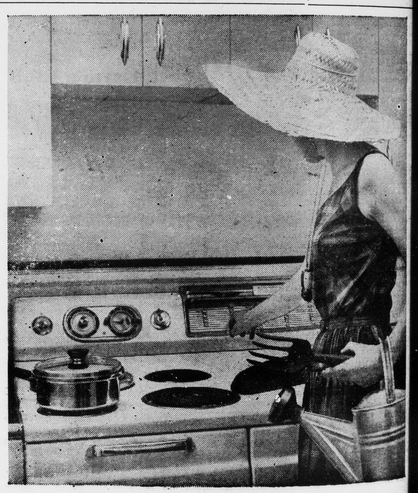

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Homemakers Items

Plan Bathroom When Installing Water System

Plan for a bathroom when you install a water system.

That's the advice to farm families from C. D. Wheary, associate horticultural engineer at V. P. I. He says they will pay to plan the best location for the bathroom and have the plumber install the pipes at the time he installs the pump — so that you won't be able to complete the bathroom for a year or more.

The pipes can be capped and installed to keep water out of the pipes until used.

When you start to plan the bathroom, learn the sizes of bathroom fixtures so you will provide enough space. There are some factors to consider in planning the location for a bathroom:

Place the bathroom as near as possible to bedrooms.

Allow for only one door, opening into a hall if possible.

Have one outside wall for light and ventilation.

Place tub under the window if it can be avoided.

Provide access to drain end of tub by making connections and removing all fixtures.

Be able to locate bathroom so it can be seen from living room and hallway door.

Have swing door so it will screen bathroom from view.

Be able to practical locate the bathroom on the side of the house nearest the septic tank location.

Place the soil stack and vent straight if at all possible.

Do not locate the bathroom so that the only entrance is from a bedroom.

In a house without central heating place the commode with water line against an inside wall is possible.

Plan for Running Water in Kitchen

Plan for the future when you're adding running water in the home.

C. D. Wheary, associate agricultural engineer at VPI, says too many families overlook the importance of planning for the most convenient and economical location of plumbing equipment, such as the kitchen sink and washing machine. Often the only consideration is that the equipment be placed on the side of the kitchen nearest the well. The argument for this is that the required pipes will be shorter thus making the installation more economical.

This could be a serious mistake from the standpoint of convenience and comfort. The sink should be placed so it has the proper relation to other work areas.

Wheary points out that careful planning doesn't take much time, and doesn't cost anything.

Remember, it isn't necessary to complete time all the equipment at the month necessary to carry out the complete plan. However, with a proper plan you can locate each piece of equipment in its proper place without having to remove others.

If you are planning to install running water in your home soon, be sure to plan your kitchen so that you be sure to have water-saving equipment installed in its proper place, Wheary advises.

Don't have a "problem" kitchen such as one with three doors and five windows—or if you just want to be planning, contact your county home demonstration agent.

HUMIDITY DID IT

Detroit, Mich.- When telephone service was cut for three hours in the Detroit recently, the telephone company explained that it was the heat which had done it, not the humidity. Humidity fogged the cables, causing a short circuit, company officials said.

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ABBITT ISSUES STATEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS

Representative Watkins M. Abbitt, of the Fourth District, said today that he had been contacted by numerous persons seeking information on the various changes brought about by recent amendments to the Social Security laws.

In order to facilitate the answering of question on the amendments and how they affect individuals in all categories of coverage, Representative Abbitt said he had obtained a number of helpful publications which will answer pertinent points.

The pamphlets, dealing with individual categories such as "Women", "Farmers", "Servicemen and Veterans," "Lawyers, Dentists, etc." and "Disabled People, are prepared by the Social Security Administration and give up-to-date information. There is also a general publication entitled, "A Brief Report on the Social Security Amendments of 1956."

Representative Abbitt said he would be glad to supply copies of the pamphlets to persons in the Fourth District upon request. Inquiries should be made to Abbitt at 1008 House Office Building, Washington, D. C. Persons writing should also specify which of the pamphlets they desire.

Refueled by Submarine

For the first time in history, naval aircraft were refueled at sea by a submarine. The USS Guavina acted as a floating base to a detachment of four Navy seaplanes, P5M-2 Marlins, off the coast of Florida.

Home Agent's Notes

Prepared by
Elizabeth W. Pancake
Assistant Home Agent

Children have gone back to school and cold weather is just around the corner for all of us. This brings up the age old subject of caring for winter clothes.

In cleaning a garment, what determines your choice between laundering or dry cleaning?

1. The construction of the fabric. Smooth, even weaves, such as taffeta, are almost always washable. The novelty fabrics and crepes are rarely washed. The highly twisted yarns necessary to the construction of these are affected by water.

2. Size. Dry cleaning is less apt to cause shrinkage; recommended for fabrics that have not been preshrunk.

3. Type of design. Pleated skirt or detail trim is more easily pressed (retains its shape better) in dry cleaning than in laundering.

After the first rush of school opening, the usual seasonal activities—such as football games and school parties — present further clothing problems. With the teen-age set, soil and stains are a constant problem. Such stains as mustard or "coke" occur frequently. Here again, your cleaner can help you more by prompt attention. Get such stained garments to him before they become deeply set. And don't forget to tell him what the stain is when you take in the garment. Of course, it's a good idea to take all garments to the cleaner before dirt and soil have a chance to become deeply embedded in the fabric.

As some prefer to launder their sweaters the following procedure is recommended.

1. Outline sweater on a large turkish towel (or two small ones pinned together) with pins. This is done by placing pins at the neck, shoulders, sleeves (width and length), and bust. The edge of the towel may be used for the bottom of the sweater.

2. Now fix four large containers of warm water. Temperature should be comfortable to the wrist or elbow, and all containers at the same temperature. This is a very important point, for wrong temperatures cause shrinkage, milling or felting, and a stiff, hard sweater. The drying temperature is of equal importance for good results—a soft, fluffy sweater. Never let it be hot or cold. Warm or room temperature will give best results. Do not lay sweaters in sunshine.

3. Prepare a rich, natural suds in the first water and, if necessary, in the second, use a soap you would not mind using on your face. It may be bought in flakes, powder, beads, granules, or cake. Many persons shave the cake or use a coarse grater to aid in dissolving cake soap.

4. Now squeeze, do not rub, the suds through the sweater, lifting from underneath, as the weight of the water may stretch the garment.

5. If garment is very soiled, use second suds.

6. Rinse by squeezing the water through; avoid wringing. Squeeze out what water you can, then knead in a large towel to aid in further drying.

7. Lay the sweater out flat and smooth into position as shown by the outline of pins on the towel and let dry.

8. If you wish to speed up the drying, hang two parallel lines of wrapping cord, wire, or clothesline, and pin the edges of the towel to these so that a current of air can go under as well as over the towel on which the sweater is spread.

9. Seasonal care: When you stop using your sweaters for the season, clean them up, sun a few minutes, and fold into boxes; add crystals of naphtalene or paradichlorbenzine in folds of tissue paper; if added protection is needed, Wrap individually in paper, tie and label (so that you can find the one needed should an occasion arise, without breaking the paper and protection of other sweaters). Any paper without holes will do.

One of the smallest of the Navy guided missiles is the Sparrow 1, which is capable of reaching 1,500 mph in two seconds.

FULL TIME CHAPLAIN AT CHARLOTTESVILLE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Richmond, Va.- The Rev. Walter A. Hendricks of New York, will become tis first full time chaplain of the University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville, on September 15.

This has just been announced by the Rev. Henry Lee Robison, Jr., Executive Secretary of the Interdenominational Religious Work Foundation. Religious work in Virginia Public Institutions is under the supervision of this Foundation.

Mr. Hendricks comes to his new position from St. Luke's Hospital, New York City, where he has been an associate chaplain. He is a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The new chaplaincy at the University of Virginia Hospital was made possible by an Episcopal layman who gave a sufficient sum to underwrite the salary and other expenses for a period of two years. This grant has been made available through the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.

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